

Seattle Permits

— part of a multi-departmental City of Seattle series on getting a permit

Inspection Costs: What To Expect After A Permit Is Issued

This publication explains what you may expect in the way of City costs that may accrue during the term of your permit. This CAM is a guide and these costs will not necessarily be applicable in all cases.

Inspection Costs

Permits generally have ½ hour of inspection time included in the base fee of each permit type. Time in excess of the ½ hour will be billed to the permit holder at the per hour inspection rate at the time of the work. Each permit requires a minimum of two inspections at ½ hour each, the first at the start of the project and the second at closeout. Depending on the type and length of the permitted work there may be several interim inspections.

For your information, below is a list of tasks for which your inspector will charge an hourly fee. Please talk with your inspector if you have any questions about fees for your project.

- Site visits
- Research
- Phone conversations with the permit holder or their representative
- Travel time to the site
- Time at the site
- Office time related to the permit (composing inspection notes)
- Inspections outside of normal working hours (Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 4:00pm) will be charged a minimum of two hours.

Additional Inspection Costs

The following could result in additional inspection charges.

- Non-compliance of permit conditions.
- No call for job start
- Complaints
- Expired permits
- Traffic Control review
- Weather Delays
- Damages to City facilities

Reminder

To avoid some of the aforementioned additional costs, notify job starts and completions to the inspector. This will also result in receiving final invoices in a timelier manner.

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